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DAVID LOPEZ ALMIROL JR.
GUEST SPEAKER



LUXID ROTARY

Microfinance & Credit Cooperative

ABOUT US

The Luxid Foundation is an organization of members from the different batches of the Ateneo De Manila University, 1959, 1963, and 1967, united to help alleviate poverty among underprivileged people.

The Rotary Club of Pasig is one of the biggest clubs in the country, and is respected and consistent in its service to the Pasig community and to the country in general.

The Luxid Foundation and the Rotary Club of Pasig formed an alliance in 2017 to create the LUXID ROTARY Microfinance & Credit Cooperative.



FRANCISCO "TOPAX" COLAYCO is the Chairman of the Board of LUXID Rotary Microfinance and Credit Cooperative, holds a Masters degree in Business Management (MBM) from the Ateneo de Manila University. He also holds a Ph.D. (Honoris Causa) in Humanities awarded by the National University of the Philippines.

FJC is an entrepreneur, a venture developer and the pioneer in promoting personal finance in the Philippines. He is the author of the "Wealth Within Your Reach" series, the award winning and biggest Filipino best sellers on personal finance and the leading advocate of the personal financial literacy movement in the Philippines.

FJC has over 50 years' experience as a consultant, a professional manager and business owner in the fields of Manufacturing and Marketing, Shipbuilding, Specialty and Pressure Vessel Fabrications, Banking, Financial Services & Real Estate Development. He is the Chairman and Founder of the Colayco Foundation for Education, Inc. (CFE).

FJC is currently the Chairman & CEO of AulumDev Ventures Corporation (AulumDev), and up to March of 2023 was Chairman of One Wealthy Nation Bank (OWN Bank), formerly, the Rural Bank of Cavite City.

Today, FJC is an active ventures advisor and investor in health services. He is engaged in joint venture consulting and specialty trading such as diesel and medical supplies. He is Chairman of The Health Network (THN), an out patient facility with diagnostics, pharmacy and doctors' offices based in Marilao and Guiguinto, Bulacan.

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Today's Programme

Valle Verde Country Club

June 4, 2026 12:00 Noon

Pangkat 5 Leader: PE Jun Zafra

Call to Order	Pres. Roy Quejada
Invocation	Rtn Mike Dolar
National Anthem	Rtn Ping Tan
FOUR-WAY TEST	Rtn Rudy Sanguyo
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	Rtn Nesty Carolina
Community Singing	Pangkat 5
Wise or Otherwise	
Fining Moments	HOF/PP Jess Acantilado
President's Time	Pres. Roy Quejada
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Rtn Flor de Pano

Usec. David Lopez Almirol, Jr.

***Topic: Leading Through Transformation: Lessons
from Building a Digital Government***

GUEST SPEAKER

Open Forum	
Adjournment	Pres. Roy Quejada

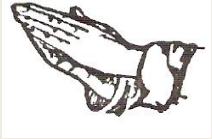
PP Henry Uy

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**** Rotary Fellowships Month ****



Invocation



Heavenly Father, as we continue to pray peace in our country and the world, we humbly ask You to bless us always, that we may be more empowered to serve others above ourselves, that we may continue to be loving and caring to our loved ones at our homes, and that we may continue to do Your Will on earth no matter what the cost. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From: Rtn. Fr. Kell Ortega

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
 3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?
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Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First :** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for Service;
- Second :** High Ethical standards in business and professions; the Recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third :** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- Fourth :** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Song of the Day



BORN FREE

Song by Matt Monro

Born free
As free as the wind blows
As free as the grass grows
Born free to follow your heart

Live free
And beauty surrounds you
The world still astounds you
Each time you look at a star

Stay free
Where no walls divide you
You're free as a roaring tide so there's no need to hide

Born free
And life is worth living
But only worth living
'Cause you're born free

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From the President

Pres. Roy Quejada



After our club meeting last week, I found myself thinking about one simple but important idea: the importance of understanding our roles.

Whether it's in a company, a family, a nation, or a Rotary club, every role matters. Minsan, hindi naman talento o kakayahan ang problema. Ang challenge ay kapag hindi malinaw kung ano ang papel ng bawat isa at paano tayo dapat magtulungan.

In Rotary, members play a very important role. They are the heart of the club. Their participation in meetings, fellowship activities, and service projects is what keeps the club alive and relevant.

The Board of Directors helps steer the club in the right direction. They make decisions, manage resources, and ensure that projects and activities move forward.

Our elders and past leaders provide wisdom and perspective. Sila ang nagpapaalala sa atin kung paano nabuo ang club at kung bakit mahalaga ang mga values at traditions na ating ipinagpapatuloy. They also play a significant role in encouraging participation among members, especially the newer ones. After all, people often look for encouragement, guidance, and a sense of belonging, and our senior members help create that bridge between the club's rich history and its future.

As for the President, the role is to help provide direction and bring people together. Together with the Board and the

From the President

Pres. Roy Quejada

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members, the President helps align the strengths, talents, and ideas of the club toward a common purpose and a shared vision of service.

What I realize is that every team is made up of leaders, the group, and individuals. Leaders provide direction. Individuals contribute their unique talents and experiences. The group provides support, cooperation, and energy.

Pero higit sa lahat, communication ang pinakamahalaga.

Right after our meeting, I realized that these three elements leadership, teamwork, and individual contribution are all important in keeping any organization healthy, enjoyable, and aligned. Each role matters. Each person contributes.

The recent Club Planning session of PE Jun for the next Rotary year (malapit na) - reinforced once again that teams need to communicate their thoughts, actively participate, and stay organized.

At the end of the day, organizations do not succeed because of one person. They succeed because people understand their roles, communicate well, and work together.

Kapag malinaw ang papel ng bawat isa at maayos ang usapan, mas masaya, mas healthy, at mas united ang samahan.

Roy Quejada

Respect. Support. Serve



Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman



We start my column with a very sad note. Our 22nd president of our club died 15 days before his 95th birthday in Toronto where his two daughters are permanent residents. He left our country a few years back when his spouse PPA Boots died. Bert was fondly called Papa Tayengco, now wala ng papatayin. He was the 23rd president of our club who went ahead. On a very personal note, when Bert and Boots relocated from Bgy. Kapitolyo to their Valle Verde 1 house, I bought their place in Kapitolyo as Bert had an extra 500 square meters of untitled space where he built a massive steel frame over a dry creek that separated the village from the neighboring Capitol 8. In the same area, then my club treasurer Mario Raymundo built for me a factory where I made banana catsup.

Bert is the longest serving of three presidents who did not have a full year to serve. The first was Charter President Totoy Angeles who served from January to June of the RY and the next was PP Pete Syquia who served till October of that RY when Bert took over. Pete was at his early presidency when he encountered rough times with one of his directors. He then resigned. But when some PPs talked him out of his resigning, the same director who gave him a rough time said the resignation was already accepted. Bert then took over. Pete eventually resigned even from Rotary. That is the Republic of the Rotary Club of Pasig.

The Ilugin Elementary School certificate of appreciation given

Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman

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to our club and received by PE Jun and his being an adviser of the Pulis ng Pasig will show that PE Jun has plenty of achievements already before his term begins.

The attendance last week was so pitiful considering seldom attendees Rtns Joseph and Doc Ato in attendance. Even HOF/PP Conrad had a text call for members of our club to show up. There are a handful of truly regular attendees every Thursday. But two remain very exceptional. CM/PP Peping despite difficulty in getting off from his utility vehicle and getting on his wheelchair then being wheeled to the meeting room and PP Vic Aquino who must take long trips just to attend and even be earlier than most make them far better than the regular attendees who are few. Even not all the HOFs are regular in our Thursday meetings.

I missed out on a text message about Rtn Mayor Vico and a project several billions worth. I am a sure that is for Pasig City but I failed to get the full content. Hirap na mumurahing cellphone, nabubura agad hindi ka pa tapos basahin.

Last week, Batangas-based PP Ner had to forego another meeting because of needed medical check up. He did not text any results but hopefully, he comes this meeting. If only the number of those who ordered the T-shirts will attend, we will have a very good attendance. A few RINOs also ordered though.

To really show there was very poor attendance last week, the Pangkat who would be singing the Community Song, was only a trio. Luckily, from the rostrum IPP Dodie joined the singing

Rotary Notes

PP Benny P. De Guzman

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and from his corner table, PE Jun was also making a swing. With Jun's nicer waistline, his slip-ons less socks, can marriage be far behind? Nagbibunata.

When I counted the place of the late PP Bert, I suddenly realized, I suddenly realized I am the most senior PP of our club at 14th place. That means 13 PPs went before me. Only 12 who went but one resigned to make 13 PPs ahead of me. PP Kati de los Reyes resigned when he remarried.



Walking the Avenues

PP Jun C. Zafra



Presidential message



Francesco Arezzo
President 2025-26
June 2026

As my year as president of Rotary International comes to a close, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each member of our global Rotary family. Your kindness, warmth, and dedication have changed my life.

During this year, I had the privilege of traveling across our world, from San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations, to the innovative Rotary clubs of Nigeria. In every place, I saw Rotary members and our partners working side by side to create lasting, positive change, reminding me that our strength lies in shared purpose.

That spirit leads naturally to a simple truth: Rotary is not something we attend, but something we do. We are not spectators. We act, and through that action, we transform our communities and ourselves.

As we continue this work, we must keep our focus on building conditions for peace. Rotary is, at its core, a peace machine. But maintaining that machine requires intention, commitment, and steady effort.

Walking the Avenues

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That same resolve is needed now as we push toward polio eradication. The final mile is often the hardest, but we cannot falter in our promise to the children of the world.

You have shown that when we Unite for Good, there is no challenge we cannot meet if we stand together. Let us carry this momentum forward with courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the safety and prosperity of all.



Our Guest Speaker



Usec. David Lopez Almirol, Jr.

Usec. David L. Almirol Jr. is the Undersecretary for E-Government of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and one of the Philippines' leading advocates of digital transformation in both government and the private sector.

Before joining government service, he founded and led Multisys Technologies Corporation, one of the country's premier software development companies, delivering innovative technology solutions for businesses and government agencies. A computer science graduate of the University of the Cordilleras, he has spent more than two decades building expertise in software engineering, systems development, user experience design, and digital innovation.

As DICT Undersecretary for E-Government, he has been at the forefront of the country's digitalization efforts, leading the development and implementation of key platforms such as the eGovPH Super App, which aims to provide Filipinos with seamless access to government services through a single digital gateway. His work continues to advance the vision of a more efficient, transparent, and citizen-centered government.

His contributions to technology and nation-building have earned him numerous recognitions, including being named a Ten

Our Guest Speaker

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Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Awardee in 2021 for Science, Engineering, and Technology. He has also been recognized as one of the country's most influential technology leaders for his role in accelerating digital transformation across the Philippines.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Usec. Almirol's story is one of resilience and determination. From working various jobs overseas early in life to becoming a successful technology entrepreneur and public servant, his journey exemplifies the power of perseverance, innovation, and a commitment to serving the Filipino people



Tinig Tidbits

By: HOF/PP Peter Javier



Common Causes of Memory Lapses

1. Vitamin B12 Deficiency
2. Hypothyroidism
3. High Blood Pressure
4. Menopause
5. Migraines
6. Long Flights
7. Pregnancy
8. Chemotherapy
9. Anesthesia
10. Epilepsy
11. Arthritis and Asthma Medication
12. Depression
13. Excessive Alcohol Consumption

(From BabaMail)

Glimpse Our Last Meeting



Roy calls meeting to order which IPP Dodie emcees & also leads invocation.



Rtn Jimmy leads singing of Pambansang Awit; Rtn Doc Ato recites Apat Na Urian Ng Rotaryo & IPP Dodie introduces guests.



Trio of PP Bong, Rtn Jimmy & Rtn Doc Ato singing Beatles' With A Little Help From My Friends.

Glimpse Our Last Meeting



PE Jun reads & hands over to GP Roy Certificate of Appreciation from Ilugin Elementary School.



Sec John on ordering new T- shirt; PE Jun on incoming Board meeting & induction; Doc Ato on Unilab Program tie-up.



PP Benny is finemaster; thanks from CM/PP Peping on donations; GP Roy starts club assembly.

Glimpse Our Last Meeting



Comments and suggestions on attendance and meeting time from PP Vic, HOFs/PPs Peter



& Conrad, PP Bong, Rtns Jimmy



& Richie. PE Jun on incoming RY program; GP Roy adjourns meeting.

Planning Session RY 2026-27



Planning Session of incoming officers and directors for Rotary Year 2026-2027 led by PE Jun, club's 56th president at Serene Mountain Crest in Antipolo, Rizal.



Present were PE Jun, GP Roy, HOF/PP John, IPP Dodie, PP Rel, Dir. Aris, Dir. Joseph, Dir. Mads, Dir. Gary, Dir. Roland and Rtn Manny.



Planning Session RY 2026-27



Wheat not Weeds

By: Rtn. Fr. Kell Ortega



#NoToImpunity

Recently, our Philippine Senate has been defaced and defiled with acts of impunity. The new majority bloc welcomed, shielded and even helped a criminal escape justice by staging an armed attack to it. To add insult to injury the, the majority wanted to immediately revise the Senate rules to allow online participation of any absent senator for whatever reason. This would have prevailed if it weren't for the prudent and wise countermeasure of the new minority by walking out, thus preventing an immediate change by denying the majority the quorum they needed to formalize the adjustment. The majority and the Senate President were absent twice without notice. This is clearly unprofessional and unethical in the eyes of the Senate. Moreover this is an act of impunity.

Impunity can never be forgiven in a society, especially when the poor innocent is wrongfully jailed while the guilty rich run free as if nothing happened. Even God is disgusted with all acts of impunity. In fact, according to the Bible: "Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent - the Lord detests them both (Prov. 17:15". Truly, impunity is abominable in God's sight.

We must then uphold justice at all cost in our society. More importantly, we must uphold and preserve our sense of integrity and defend it valiantly so that all kinds of corruption and impunity won't prevail in our land. Then and only then can peace founded on righteousness will truly reign in our land.

Pangkat Members RY 2025 - 2026

Pangkat No. 1

- 1. Pres. Roy Quejada – Leader**
- 2. Dir. Mads Bengua – CL**
3. PP Adolf Aran
4. Rtn. Chony Gimenez
5. PP Conrad Cuesta
6. Rtn. Dodot Jaworski
7. Rtn. Edison Go
8. Rtn. Jojo Estolano
9. Rtn. Noel Go
10. PP Peping Mabanta
11. Rtn. Philip Yoon
12. Rtn. Roehl Fontanilla
13. Rtn. Roy Mendoza
14. PP Vic Aquino
15. Rtn. John Nepomuceno
16. Rtn. Shaquile Guiaman

Pangkat No. 3

- 1. Dir. Gary Ona – Leader**
- 2. Dir. Aris Marfil – CL**
3. Rtn. Arnel Estaniel
4. Rtn. Jimmy Gualberto
5. Rtn. Marlo Guillano
6. Rtn. Oyie Averilla
7. Rtn. Paolo Diaz
8. PP Peter Javier
9. Rtn. Raj Cordova
10. Rtn. Richie Pua
11. Rtn. Richie Defensor
12. Rtn. Simon Tantoco
13. PP Totoy Bartolome
14. PP Vic Lim
15. Rtn. James Porter

Pangkat No. 2

- 1. Dir. Tet Mallare - Leader**
- 2. Dir. Roland Vasquez – CL**
3. Rtn. Bebert Lacuna
4. Rtn. Bernard Bobadilla
5. PP Bong Paloma
6. Rtn. Chito Bernardo
7. Rtn. Hans Roxas Chua
8. Rtn. Fr. Jojo Opinio
9. Rtn. Jon Cansana
10. Rtn. Nicky Ty
11. Rtn. Nilo Ocampo
12. PRID Raffy Garcia III
13. Rtn. Rod Moreno
14. PP Tito Henson
15. Topax Colayco
16. Rtn. Abe Sarangaya

Pangkat No. 4

- 1. IPP. Bernard Dy - Leader**
- 2. Dir. Joseph Gualberto - CL**
3. PP Arjan Ramnani
4. Rtn. Ato Basco
5. PP Benny de Guzman
6. Rtn. Charles Reyes
7. PP Garrick Ang
8. Rtn. Jake Oh
9. Rtn. Karl Contreras
10. Rtn. Fr. Kell Ortega
11. PP Ner Laino
12. PP Nick Guzman
13. PP Ogie Lim
14. Rtn. Roman Romulo
15. PP Toti Buhain

Pangkat Members RY 2025 - 2026

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Pangkat No. 5

- 1. PP Jun Zafra – Leader**
- 2. Rtn. Bien Sibug – CL**
3. Rtn. Alex Lacson
4. Rtn. Flor de Pano
5. Rtn. Henry Claravall
6. PP Henry Uy
7. PP Jess Acantilado
8. Rtn. JS Zamora
9. Rtn. Manfred Guangko
10. Rtn. Mike Dolar
11. Rtn. Nesty Carolina
12. Rtn. Ping Tan
13. Rtn. Richard Berganos
14. PP RJ Ermita
15. Rtn. Rudy Sanguyo

Pangkat No. 6

- 1. Dir. Pal Bolivar - Leader**
- 2. Sec. John Javier - CL**
3. Rtn. Anson Tan
4. Rtn. Ben Baniel
5. PP Bert Albano
6. Rtn. Carlos Chuaunsu
7. PP Celso Ylagan
8. Rtn. Dennis Albano
9. PP Ferd Rivera
10. Rtn. Ike Ona
11. PP Ramy Garcia IV
12. PP Rel Gmez
13. PP Rene Bocaya
14. Rtn. Vico Sotto
15. Rtn. Manny Buensuceso

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Name of Rotary Club

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